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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF SURINAM OLYMPIC TEAM IN U.S.

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BILL MCNAMARA, DIRECTOR OF DOD INTERSERVICE SPORTS COUNCIL, RE PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM. MCNAMARA ALSO DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL SPORTS (ACIS) WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERING OLYMPIC TEAM HOSTING PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH CU.

2. WE ADVISED BY FRED WILT, EDITOR OF TRACK TECHNIQUES, THAT CALIFORNIA WOULD OFFER MUCH BETTER OPPORTUNITY IN TERMS OF CLIMATE, TRAINING FACILITIES AND OPEN COMPETITIONS THAN NEW YORK CITY.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSAL WITH JIM SANTOS, ASSOCIATE OF WILT WHO HEAD TRACK COACH OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIV AT HAYWARD (NEAR OAKLAND). SANTOS WOULD LIKE TRAIN ATHLETES IN ENTER THEM IN WEEKLY MEETS, BUT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THEY ENROLL AT CAL STATE FOR MINIMUM OF 12 UNITS

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(SPORTS MEDICINE, P.E.) FOR THREE-MONTH QUARTER BEGINNING

MARCH 25. COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS L,000 PER ATHLETE FOR TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD. COACH SANTOS AGREES PROVIDE HOME HOSPITALITY FOR PERIOD PRIOR NEXT QUARTER.

4. WE ALSO AWAITING REPLY FROM COACH MEL PENDER OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY RE POSSIBLE USE OF ARMY FACILITIES.

5. NY ATHLETIC CLUB WOULD REQUIRE FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM SURINAM OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SOC) AS THIS EXCLUSIVE CLUB WITH LIMITED FACILITIES. PARTNERS OF AMERICAS EVEN LESS INTERESTED SINCE NO LINKAGE EXISTS WITH SURINAM.

6. ADVISE WHICH OPTION SOC WISHES TO PURSUE. INGERSOLL

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